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The following table has been prepared after a long experience in the collection of this particular class of Coins, and will save trouble in searching for dates which are really not to be found.

In those few instances in which it does not agree with the Mint records of coinage, the disagreement may be explained by what is said to be the fact, that in former years there was not that precision that there is at present in the disuse of the dies at the expiration of the year of their date; and sometimes Coin made late in December, would not be delivered over to the Treasurer till January following, and would then appear in his report for the new year.

The copper Cents and Halves, for the year 1857, were all coined in the month of January; after that date the coinage of them was discontinued.

By the Act of Congress, passed February 21, 1857, the coinage of the Nickel Cents was authorized; and the first delivery at the Mint for circulation, was made on the 23d of May of the same year.

On the last page is a list of Experimental or Pattern Pieces, with their respective dates, which were coined at the Mint since its establishment.

JOS. J. MICKLEY.

Philadelphia, July, 1858.



Explanation of the Letters used in the Table.

C. signifies Common.

R. " Rare.

V. R. signifies Very Rare

— " None Coined.



GOLD.

SILVER.

COPPER.

	Twenty Dollars.	Ten Dollars.	Five Dollars.	Three Dollars.	Two & Hf. Dols	Dollars.	Dollars.	Half Dollars.	Quarter Dollars.	Dimes.	Half Dimes.	Three Cents.	Cents.	Half Cents.
1793							R	C			R		R	R
1794							C	C			C		C	C
1795		C	C				C	R			C		C	C
1796		C	C		R		C		R	C	C		C	V R
1797		C	C		R		C	V R		V R	C		C	C
1798		C	C		R		C			C			C	
1799		C	C				C						V R	
1800		C	C				C			C	C		C	C
1801		C					C	C		C	C		C	
1802			C		R		C	C		C	R		C	R
1803		C	C				C	C		R	R		C	C
1804		C	C		C		V R	V R	C	R	R		R	C
1805			C		C			C	C	C			C	C
1806			C		C			C	C	C			C	C
1807			C		C			C	C	C			C	C
1808			C		C			C		C			C	C
1809			C					C		C			C	C
1810			C					C		C			C	C
1811			C					C		C			C	R
1812			C					C					C	
1813			C					C					C	
1814			C					C		C			C	
1815								V R	C					
1816													C	
1817								C					C	
1818			C					C	C				C	
1819			C					C	C	C			C	
1820			C					C	C	C	C		C	
1821			C		C			C	C	C	C		C	
1822			V R					C	C	C	R		C	
1823			C					C	C	R	C		C	
1824			R		C			C	C	C	C		C	C
1825			C		C			C	C	C			C	C
1826			C		C			C					C	
1827			C		C			C	V R	C			C	
1828			R					C	C	C			C	C
1829			C		C			C		C	C		C	
1830			C		C			C		C	C		C	
1831			C		C			C	C	C	C		C	V R
1832			C		C			C	C	C	C		C	C

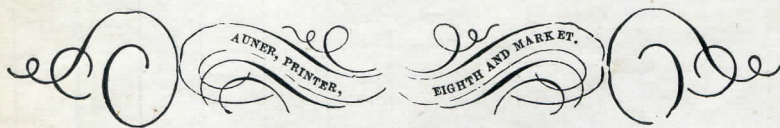
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EXPERIMENTAL PIECES.



- 1792.—Dime. Half Dime. Cent, five varieties.
1836.—Gold Dollar. Silver Dollar, two varieties, and Two cent Piece.
1838.—Silver Dollar. Half Dollar, four varieties.
1839.—Silver Dollar and Half Dollar.
1849.—Twenty Dollar Piece. Three Cent Piece, three varieties, and Cent.
1850.—Three Cent Piece and Ring Cent.
1851.—Cent.
1852.—Gold Ring Dollar, two varieties; another in Silver only. Gold Ring Half Dollar.
1853.—Cent.
1854.—Cent, two varieties.
1855.—Cent.
1856.—Cent.
1858.—Cent, eleven varieties.





MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.



PHILADELPHIA, MAY 21, 1859.

SIR:—I desire to obtain for the Cabinet of the Mint, if practicable, one or more copies of every Medal, Medallet, Coin or Token on which the head or name of Washington appears.

The possessor of any such memorial of Washington will confer an obligation by sending me a description of it, and state whether he is willing to present it to the Mint, or dispose of it, either for cash, and if so, at what price, or exchange it for other Coins or Medals. In the course of a recent investigation I ascertained the existence of sixty different Memorials of the above character, and there are doubtless others which have escaped my notice.

A few of these medals, &c., are now in the Mint, but I desire, if possible, to supply the Cabinet with a full set of these interesting memorials of the "Father of his country." To accomplish which object I invite the co-operation of my fellow-citizens.

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

James Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint of the United States.

